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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:

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For: DIFFRACTION OPTICAL  
DEVICE AND OPTICAL  
SYSTEM INCLUDING SAME

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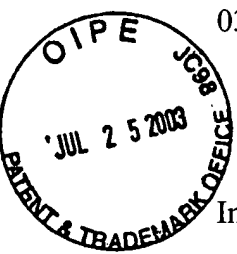
Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

REMARKS

The Japanese document (JP-A-4-214516) was referenced in a document cited in the April 25, 2003 Official Action. An Abstract was obtained from a commercial database for the cited Japanese document, and a copy is also enclosed. Additionally, a counterpart U.S. Patent (5,170,207) is enclosed.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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